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## Glen Ellen COLUMN.

### Society Notices.

#### NSGW

Glen Ellen Grange, No. 29, meets the last Saturday evening in each month at Native Sons' hall.

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Glen Ellen Grange, No. 29, meets the 1st and 3rd Friday evenings of each month at Native Sons' hall.

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## FROM A GOLD SEEKER.

G. D. Heydlauff Writes From Dawson Regarding the Country.

DAWSON CITY, N. W. T.  
DEAR FRIEND: Dec. 16, '98.  
When I wrote you last I be-  
lieve that I was camped at the  
mouth of the Stewart river.  
Since that time I have made a  
trip up the Stewart a distance  
of about 125 miles as far as Mc-  
Question river that was spoken  
of very favorably during the  
early part of the season. It has  
been prospected to a consid-  
erable extent during the past sum-  
mer and fall with but little suc-  
cess. In fact the Stewart did  
not yield up a very large por-  
tion of the yellow metal this last  
year, and the miners are becom-  
ing disgusted with her.

There was quite a stampede  
to Scroggy creek in October last.  
You people on the outside no  
doubt heard wonderful reports  
about Black Hills creek, another  
tributary of the Stewart. They  
made the discovery there I be-  
lieve some time during the early  
part of July, and people made  
a great rush to get claims. Our  
party prospected in that im-  
mediate vicinity to a considerable  
extent and found nothing to  
reward our labors. Nearly all  
the miners in here think that  
the creek is a big fake. I left  
the Stewart on the 5th of Sep-  
tember for Dawson, where I have  
since resided. Since coming to  
Dawson they have struck it  
quite rich on the Thistle, which  
empties into the Yukon twenty  
miles above the Stewart. The  
creek is being prospected most  
thoroughly this winter, so by  
spring we will know considera-  
ble more about it. Many say  
that she is a second El Dorado  
but it will be some time before  
that fact is proved.

I hear that a  
number of claims have been sold  
for \$20,000 but I cannot vouch  
for the truth of these statements.  
They have also made strikes  
above Thistle on the Yukon, but  
miners here do not put much  
faith in these creeks. To sum  
the whole thing up very little  
has been found during the past  
season, and I would not advise  
any of my friends to come here  
on the strength of newspaper  
reports for they will most cer-  
tainly be disappointed when they  
reach here and see the country  
as it is.

Possibly my readers would like  
to hear something of Dawson  
city. Built at the foot of high  
rocky bluffs at the confluence  
of the Yukon and Klondike rivers,  
a city built of log cabins, consist-  
ing of about 15,000 persons, a  
large portion of which are float-  
ing population. Fire destroyed  
a large portion of the place in  
October last, but it is all built up  
again at the present writing.  
Business is badly cut up in this  
place and business men are mak-  
ing but very little now, but have  
hopes of doing better during the  
sluicing season in May and June.  
There are thousands of idle men  
here unable to obtain work, and  
many are almost without the  
common necessities of life, with  
no prospects in view for the fu-  
ture. However there is a plenti-  
ful supply of provisions here and  
prices are consequently on the  
decline. Flour is selling at \$28  
per bbl., bacon 35c per lb., beans  
10c, and butter at \$1.25 per lb.,  
and other things in proportion.  
Tobacco and sugar are somewhat  
scarce here, the former being  
worth about \$2.25 per lb. and the  
latter 50 cents.

There has been much sickness  
here during the past fall and  
summer and hundreds of good  
and able bodied men have passed  
away to the great unknown and  
many more left weak and help-  
less for many a day to come.  
Typhoid fever has been raging  
now for some time, but it is not  
so bad at the present time.  
Scurvy is making its appearance  
now and many of the miners are  
stricken with the dreaded dis-  
ease.

The climate of this country is

not so bad as many people imag-  
ine. We had a very pleasant  
summer with but little rainfall.  
The nights here are quite cold  
even in July and August but the  
days are nearly all bright and  
beautiful. We had a very cold  
snap here in November. The  
thermometer registered as low  
as 59°. Such cold is simply  
awful and a number of men  
were frozen to death while cross-  
ing the divides. Old timers say  
however, that such weather is  
quite unusual here during that  
month and it only lasted a few  
days then. Since that date, the  
19th of November, the weather  
has been comparatively mild.

There is being considerable  
work done on El Dorado and  
Bonanza creeks this winter, and  
I think that the clean up in the  
spring will be fairly good. In  
speaking of the prospects for  
men in this country I will say  
that there are some chances to  
win fortunes, but where one wins  
dozens will fail utterly, and can  
consider themselves lucky to get  
out of the place with their lives.  
As for myself, will say that I  
have no cause for complaint. I  
am doing well and am accumu-  
lating property. Have a claim  
on Sulphur creek and am inter-  
ested in claim No 11 above on  
Bonanza which will yield \$100,000  
the coming clean up. Person-  
ally taking everything together  
I will say that I like the country  
very well and will remain for an  
indefinite period of time or as  
long as fortune continues to  
favor me with her smiles.

In conclusion I will say that I  
hope all of my friends who read  
these lines are prosperous and  
happy and I wish them all a  
merry Christmas and a happy  
New Year.

G. D. HEYDLAUFF

### A New Electric Clock Dial.

A Chicago inventor has pat-  
ented an electrically illuminated  
clock. It seems practical, and is  
not very expensive to make. It  
is specially adapted for clock  
towers, and the idea is to illu-  
minate the figures on the dial in  
turn, this end being obtained by  
the mechanism of the timepiece.  
Upon the hour hand is arranged  
a brush which travels in contact  
with a ring and segmental con-  
tact pieces, for the purpose of  
completing the circuit between  
the ring and each of the contact  
pieces in turn. By this arrange-  
ment the contact piece will be in  
circuit with the brush during  
one hour, or until the brush  
passes to the next contact piece,  
the actual lighting being affected  
by means of twelve electric lights  
one behind each character. As  
soon as the hour hand passes  
the point midway between the  
two characters, the brush snaps  
down upon the next contact piece  
and throws the next lamp into  
circuit. The minute hand car-  
ries an electric light on the end  
of it, and the contact continues,  
so that the minute hand always  
indicates the exact minute by a  
single lamp, which is lighted  
continuously, whereas the hour  
hand uses twelve lamps in suc-  
cession each twelve hours.—Sci-  
entific American.

### The Work Completed.

At a special meeting of the  
Congregational church the fol-  
lowing resolutions were adopted:  
RESOLVED: That the Congre-  
gational church of Sonoma hereby  
express its gratitude to members  
and friends who have subscribed  
to the repairs and improvements  
that have lately been made upon  
the church property, also to  
those who otherwise gave their  
time and assistance to the work;  
and especially to Mr. W. H. Hyde  
under whose generous superin-  
tendency the labor has been  
done.

RESOLVED: That a copy of this  
resolution be placed upon the  
minutes of the church, also that  
a copy be sent to each of the  
papers for publication.

Business in our town is now  
on the increase.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The Best Attended Meeting Ever  
Held. Many Interesting  
Topics Discussed.

The Farmers' institute which  
was held at Santa Rosa Satur-  
day was well attended and proved  
to be an interesting affair. In  
the morning Prof. Fowler spoke  
on "Orchard Irrigation," and  
gave a very interesting talk in  
which he is credited with saying  
that the growth of orchards revolutionized  
the early farming in California  
and the dry years of '98 and '99  
have changed again the aspect  
of farming in this state. Here  
water can be had at from 20 to  
30 feet below the surface it  
can be raised by centrifugal  
pumps at a cost of from \$1 to  
\$1.50 per acre, or even less.

In Santa Clara valley every-  
body is now irrigating, yet it is  
only two years ago that Santa  
Clara farmers said that no irri-  
gation was necessary. He had  
received five replies to irrigation  
queries and all said that irri-  
gation paid. In Santa Clara they  
had to raise water 200 feet.

At the afternoon session Prof.  
Bioletti spoke on the "Future of  
the Wine Industry." During the  
discourse he said great care  
should be taken in selecting prop-  
er soils for vine grapes. An un-  
fitted soil cannot produce grapes  
of good wine making properties.  
He also stated that great care  
should be taken in crushing to  
secure the best results. Grapes  
should not be crushed when  
warm. Those picked in the  
morning are ready for immedi-  
ate crushing, but when picked in  
the middle of the day should  
stand in the vineyard overnight.

At the conclusion of Prof.  
Coffman said that he was not  
yet ready to report on the  
prune growers' organization as  
he was yet waiting for further  
information. Professor Fowler  
said that if the prune growers  
did not organize now they would  
wish they had, the first year of  
a heavy crop. He thought the  
crop would be heavy this year.  
He laid the blame for demoral-  
ized prices on the producers. In  
time of heavy crops the individ-  
ual growers consigned their  
fruit with orders to shade the  
market and buyers would not  
handle the goods that were fluc-  
tuating day by day. When the  
prune growers of the Pacific  
coast would say to the dealers,  
"we have 90 per cent of the  
prune crop under control and we  
will not sell below a certain fig-  
ure," the dealers will send out  
their salesman to sell prunes.  
They will be guaranteed against  
loss by this means and there  
will be money in prunes for the  
handlers.

Following Dr. Coffman Prof.  
Fowler spoke on "Silos and En-  
silage." In different sections of  
the state many people are inter-  
esting themselves in the storing  
of green feed in silos. He also  
pointed out a simple way in  
which the ensilage could be  
made. At the conclusion of  
these remarks resolutions were  
adopted in which were embodied  
the thanks to the professors for  
their addresses and a request  
from the Santa Rosa Farmers'  
Institute that a two days ses-  
sion might be held there in May.

### That Throbbing Headache

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have proved their matchless  
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aches. They make pure blood  
and strong nerves and build up  
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them. Only 25 cents. Money  
back if not cured. Sold by Ed  
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feloons, corns, all skin eruptions.  
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guaranteed. Sold by Ed Wegner,  
Druggist.

## Raisin Growers Re-Incorporate.

The sub-committee appointed  
at a recent meeting of the Raisin  
Growers have reported after  
consulting with some of the lead-  
ing corporation lawyers, that the  
association be re-incorporated  
under the act of March 27, 1895,  
which provides for the incorpo-  
ration and management of co-  
operative associations identical  
with the aims and purposes of  
the California Raisin Growers'  
association, and does away with  
the objections that are made to  
the present corporation.

The sub-committee report was  
indorsed by the full committee  
and the chairman was instructed  
to have the attorney for the asso-  
ciation prepare articles of incorpo-  
ration and by laws in accord-  
ance with the recommendations  
of the sub-committee and present  
them for adoption at the next  
meeting.

Since that time, says the  
Fresno Democrat, the reorgani-  
zation plan, as outlined at the  
mass meeting of raisin growers  
last week and the probability of  
co-operation with the packers,  
was made evident, growers have  
been signing up the contracts  
with an enthusiasm unprece-  
dented for some time. W. F.  
Chandler of Selma has signed  
for his entire acreage, and from  
that vicinity alone nearly 1000  
acres has been added to the list.

### State History Chair.

The following article taken from  
Sunday's Examiner will be of  
much interest to our readers.

Benjamin Weed Jr. of Sonoma  
City will submit a proposition to  
the next session of the Grand  
Parlor of the National Sons of  
the American Revolution for estab-  
lishing in the State University at Berkeley  
a chair of California History at  
the expense of the society.

Mr. Weed's suggestion is that  
not less than \$100,000 ought to  
be offered by the members of the  
order for the endowment of this  
chair, with the understanding  
that it may be increased if the  
future demands of the depart-  
ment should so require.

The plan as outlined would  
include researches into the  
legends of the primitive peoples  
that inhabited this State, the  
annals of Spanish occupancy,  
the American conquest and an-  
nexation, with special attention  
to the mineral, agricultural, com-  
mercial, social, and political  
development of the country. This  
would include a state museum,  
having special reference to Cal-  
ifornia articles of interest.

### When Mascagni Composes.

Mascagni's greatest passion and de-  
light is to conduct an orchestra, for  
which he himself says he has a natural  
talent. But what is more interesting  
is to watch Mascagni composing his works.  
His wife, Signora Lina; Mimi (his eldest  
boy), Dino (another son) and Emilia  
(his little daughter) all have their  
parts in it. When the maestro is fever-  
ishly writing notes and rushing to the  
piano to catch an inspiration, his wife  
follows him to and fro, while the chil-  
dren climb on his knees, he uncon-  
sciously running his fingers through  
their curls.

As soon as he has fixed on a melody  
he gathers the children in his arms, and  
they all roll indiscriminately on the  
floor, the shouts, bumps, laughter, tears,  
making such an uproar that at last  
Signora Mascagni interposes, scolding  
her husband and telling him that a  
grave musician should give a better ex-  
ample to his family. She bundles away  
the children, and he returns to his  
desk, but a few minutes later the scene  
repeats itself.—Pall Mall Gazette.

### The Editor on Carelessness.

"Yes," said the editor as he put his  
quill brush in the ink bottle and tried  
to paste on a clipping with his pen,  
"yes, the great fault of newspaper con-  
tributors is carelessness."

"Indeed," he continued as he dropped  
the copy he had been writing into  
the wastebasket and marked "Edito-  
rial" across the corner of a poem en-  
titled "An Ode to Death," "contribu-  
tors are terribly careless."

"You would be surprised," said he  
as he clipped out a column of fashion  
notes and labeled them "Farm," "to  
see the slipshod writing that comes into  
the editorial sanctum."

"Misplaced, unpronounced, written  
on both sides of the sheet, illegible, un-  
grammatical stuff. Contributors are  
terribly careless. They are!"

Just then the office boy came in with  
that dictatorial and autocratic manner  
he has and demanded more copy, and  
the editor handed him the love letter he  
had just written to his sweetheart.—  
London Globe.

## 'TIS NOT MY WAY.

"It's not my way."  
How often is this heard.  
"It's not my way, to speak the kindly word  
I feel enough, but it's not well to speak."  
To tell my loving out it seems so weak."

"It's not my way."  
How often hearts have broken  
Because the loving word has been unspoken.  
Because the smile we looked for was a frown.  
The hand that should uplift, but held us down

"It's not my way."  
To speak the word that craving love requires  
To voice approval, foster vain desires."  
Hearts often faint and fall out by the way.  
Because to speak is not your way.

"It's not my way."  
Ah, well, when death shall come  
And I shall be laid out by the way,  
And will it be for you if I regret  
And stern remorse upon your heartstrings set

Their fingers firm  
Because it's their way to torture and to wring  
When you'll remember every little thing  
The smile you did not give, the word unspoken  
Which might have glided life and kept a heart  
in vain.

Aye, then you will remember  
And in blood sweat and agony will say,  
"Would it had been my way  
To have approved and told it out, so meet,  
For it was you that made my life complete."  
—Rose Seelye-Miller in Observer.

### A SINGING WELL.

One of Nature's Puzzles That is Lo-  
cated in Texas.

About three miles west of Cedar  
Bayou, Harris county, Tex., is a re-  
markable well. When it was dug, no  
one can tell, but it has been in exis-  
tence for more than 60 years. The well  
is known as the "singing well."

In calm, fine weather a sound like  
that of an Aeolian harp comes upward  
from the well, and is heard by the  
tangles of vines below.  
At times the sound seems nearer  
and clearer. Then again it recedes, as  
if far away, and reaches the ear very  
faintly. These changes take place every  
few minutes, and with great regularity.  
In the east wind blowing the wa-  
ter in the well gets very low, and the  
mysterious musical sound very faint.  
A strong west wind causes the water to  
rise and the sound to increase in volume  
and clearness.

But it is just before a great norther  
that the old well plays its wildest  
pranks. Then for several hours the wa-  
ter rises to within a few feet of the top  
of the well and emits the weirdest,  
wildest noises that ever reached human  
ears. At such times even the water  
drawn out with buckets moans and  
wails as if in anguish.

The well is about 20 feet deep, and  
is located on a hill. It was dug by a Mr. Watkins,  
who, not liking the sounds that came  
from the well, employed two men to  
fill it up. They shoveled dirt into the  
well two weeks, but it did not affect  
the depth of water perceptibly, and  
they threw up the contract. From the  
measurements of the excavations they  
had made it has been calculated that  
the well should have been filled up a  
little more than twice.

The water is very clear, with a bluish  
tint, and is fairly palatable. No other  
wells in the neighborhood show such  
pranks as are played by the singing  
well.—Fort Worth (Tex.) Cor. Chi-  
cago Inter Ocean.

### AMERICAN HUMOR.

An English Comedian Compares It  
With the British Article.

George Grossmith, comparing Ameri-  
can humor with English, says: "A  
New York gentleman was once chaffing  
me about my pronunciation of certain  
words, and I was very much amused at  
it. So I said to him: 'It's our language,  
you know. We invented it before you  
were discovered.' He was a bit abashed  
at first. Then he said: 'That's so. Well,  
I think it's about time you learned to  
speak it.'"

"It is very difficult to score off an  
American, and you can't play a prac-  
tical joke on one at all. I've often  
gone, when I've had a friend with me,  
into some old city hall like the Bank  
of England, for example—staid old  
place, you know. We've marched up to  
the counter, and I've said quite calmly  
to the old gentleman behind it, 'Can't  
I have a brandy and soda and some  
sandwiches? They've always been most  
polite and taken it seriously, saying,  
'We don't keep brandy and soda and  
sandwiches here.' But you have them  
ordered in from outside.' 'Yes, but  
that of course is for ourselves,' and so  
on, all quite gravely and without the  
slightest quiver of the muscles of the counte-  
nance to indicate a sense that a prac-  
tical joke was fooling around."

"And in America you would have  
fared differently?"  
"Rather. I went once to the state-  
house in Hartford. There was a man  
standing at the entrance, an official  
with a hand around his hat, so I stepped  
up to him and said, 'Can you tell me  
if this hotel is conducted on the Euro-  
pean plan?' He simply looked at me,  
and calmly said, 'Any more?' Then  
there was a moment's awkward pause,  
and I had to walk out."

### Death and Birth Time.

There are a great number of curious  
superstitions as to the time of day when  
a dying person is most likely to draw  
his last breath, and the tide, moon and  
the wind have all been supposed to have  
some share in the matter. According to  
The British Medical Journal, Raseri,  
who has analyzed 25,474 cases of death  
and 39,515 of birth, where the exact  
time of day was noted, finds that the  
maximum number of deaths occur in  
the early afternoon (2:07 p. m.), and  
the minimum in the last hours before  
midnight, while the maximum number  
of births occur in the early hours of the  
morning, and the minimum in the  
early hours of the afternoon.

As regards the cause of this he points  
out the hours of the maximum number  
of deaths are precisely those when the  
pulse rate and the temperature are at  
their highest in health, and when there  
is a febrile exacerbation in illness.

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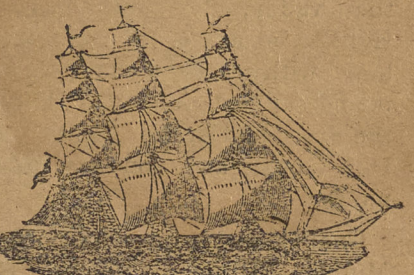
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FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1899.

By looking around through the valley and inquiring of those who are in a position to know, we learn that the prospects of this valley were never more encouraging than at the present time. Since the late rains grain and feed have made excellent growth and good pasture is to be had on every hand. On inquiring we are told that unless some unforeseen calamity befalls the orchards nearly all of them will need the fruit thinned out as there will be much more than the trees can support before it will have half-way reached maturity. From an elevation high enough to overlook the valley a most beautiful sight is to be seen as the orchards are all dressed in their beautiful dark green while the meadows and grain fields are a few shades lighter. This is a great contrast to that which exists in the states east of the Rocky Mountains where the inhabitants are keeping close company with hot stoves and heavy overcoats waiting for spring to come.

SINCE we have a pavilion which will answer all purposes for the present, why not fix it up and make it appear neat? By painting the building and repairing the roof, which will not cost an ornament, it could be made as outside appearance is concerned and will not cause a burden to be placed upon the taxpayers which would be the result of building a new one.

HAVING been awarded the official printing for Sonoma city, next week the EXPOSITOR will appear as the only official paper in Sonoma.

A GREAT many minor improvements are being made in our town, which we believe is a good indication of better times.

### Saved by Mother's Efforts

Through some mysterious manner Mr. Haut's little son got into the creek near their home one day last week and would have perished in its waters only for the timely arrival of the little fellow's mother. She instructed him to catch a piece of floating wood which he did. The mother in her anxiety to get the little fellow used a rake and fastening it beyond the stick, gave a steady pull but the stick, being round, only rolled in the water and caused the boy to lose his hold and he immediately sank out of sight. Just as the little fellow was going down for the last time Mrs. Haut managed to get the rake fast in the boy's clothing and extricated him from the cruel waters. After working with him a short time he was brought too and is all right once more.

Joe Kearney, who is running the Terry place below town is probably the happiest man in the valley, he well has a right to be, as his wife presented him with a handsome eleven pound son last Sunday. This is the first child in the family and both mother and son are doing nicely.

County Superintendent Miss Minnie Coulter visited the Sonoma school Thursday and found it in fine condition. She highly complimented the teachers on the manner in which they have been teaching and said she had no suggestions whatever to offer for the advancement of the school. The largest number of pupils ever enrolled in this district is now on the books, there being one hundred and thirty-three.

## Ladies' Aid.

This was written before this paper was founded and handed to us for publication. The original was lost and was but recently found

The society, Ladies Aid Of Congregational church 'tis said Met at Mr. Harvey's, Mrs. A. On Thursday, December eighth. Ladies came quite a few; The minister was present too. Every face, how 't did beam And sewing was the theme.

So after taking off their hats Begun to sew and to chat, Of new comers, some they told, Where they lived in Sonoma old "They'd be glad to have us call Before the rains begin to fall."

Next to the dining room they went, And all eyes on the table bent; Each one came, in all a head Were seated 'round the festal board. There was tongue and chicken nice And pies, some filled with spice.

Back to their sewing, stitch by stitch, They fashioned their garment rich. Then out to the gate they fled On account of a horse some said. The wind played hot with their frizzes So soon they turned to sewing and scissors

After business financial and otherwise stated Little affairs and etc. related The meeting it closed in all due form And soon the dear faces all were gone. A SUB-SCRIBER.

## OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

### FROM THE UPPER END OF THE VALLEY.

Maurice Rawson Takes a Whack at Printers and Parsons and Again Tries to Persuade us to Change Our Name.

MR. EDITOR: The old saying that there are tricks in all trades might perhaps be as appropriately applied to that of the publisher and journalist as to any of the occupations or professions, for it is an indisputable fact that "ye editor" is as a rule a remarkably sly individual, who will resort to almost any artifice in order to convince his readers that the old and stale matter which he often dishes up to them is really the latest and freshest news, and there is probably not a single weekly paper published in Sonoma county, with the exception of the EXPOSITOR which is dated on the same day that it is printed, every one of the so-called Saturday weeklies go to press just at the same time as I. e. on Friday and the sheet, of some of them even reach the hands of their readers a full day in advance of their alleged publication. The writer has at different times in his checkered career, occupied almost every position connected with the publication of a weekly paper, from office boy to the editor's chair and if called upon to make confession of having played the same tricks with which he charges his brother quill drivers would possibly be compelled to plead guilty, but that makes the others none the less deserving of his censure, and just as it is the duty of every office-holder to consider himself the servant of his constituents and to act at all times in accordance with the wishes of the people whom he represents, so exactly should the publisher of a paper deem it his duty to cater to the wants or even the whims of his subscribers and those who advertise in his columns. Therefore Mr. Editor, even at the risk of incurring your displeasure for meddling with what perhaps does not concern me, I shall once more venture to call your attention to the fact that a large majority of your patrons in this neighborhood feel that the star publication of Sonoma county and the brightest and best paper ever printed in our "valley of the moon" should be known by some more original and up-to-date name than the somewhat threadbare and timeworn title which it now bears. For these reasons your many friends hereabout again presume to petition you to change your name to the Sonoma Valley Star.

Though your correspondent is sometimes inclined to agree with his distinguished fellow townsman, Dr. O'Donnell, that the "Chinese must go," he is not so thoroughly prejudiced but that he believes there may be some exceptions to this rule and that a notable one exists in the person of Ah Gum, the very excellent chief of the Mervyn hotel. Gum is "one of the boys" and has already acquired most of the modern accomplishments of his more civilized neighbors, such as chewing tobacco, drinking steam beer and swearing like a pirate. The other evening three prominent residents of this place kindly volunteered to give him a

few lessons in the manly game of "freeze out" for the cigars, but they very soon discovered to their cost that, like the hero of Bert Harte's poem

"For ways that are dark And for tricks that are vain, The heathen Chinese is peculiar," As the next morning their friend from the Flowery kingdom was strutting about town with a pocket full of choice Havanas while his instructors were sadly sucking away on their old corn-cob pipes.

With all due respect for those who are good and holy, does it not seem as though the ordinary every day sinner is sometimes more grateful for benefits received than his pious brethren of the church? Just previous to the recent storm one could scarcely glance at a newspaper without reading that some worthy clergyman had been praying for rain, but since this much desired blessing has been so bounteously showered upon us not a single report has been published that thanks have been offered up from the pulpit to the Almighty for having so liberally and opportunely answered their prayers while on the other hand almost every layman whom we meet upon the street has a word of gratitude to express for the generous downpour which has brought us such positive assurance of a prosperous season. This glorious rain has been a blessing to the people of this community in more ways than one, for not only has it been of vast benefit to our growing crops but it has so swollen our streams as to not only greatly improve the sanitary condition of this locality, but also to prevent the poachers and pot hunters from catching trout out of season, so that after tomorrow, which is the opening day for the gentle angler, any honest sportsman can venture out with rod and reel with a reasonable hope that the dynamiters, gig fiends and other law breakers have not so completely cleaned out the creek that he might as well have "cast his fly upon the turnpike" as at one of fish in what was once the best trout stream in the county. Yours truly, MAURICE RAWSON.

### A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groten, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. I am cured and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Ed Wegner's drug store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

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**Pitting Geese for Market.**  
When young geese are to be dressed for market, they are killed by cutting them in the roof of the mouth, severing the artery or by stunning them by hitting them a sharp, quick blow on the head. The picker uses a box in front of him about the height of the knees, holding the bird with the left hand and clapping the feet and wings together. He places the head of the bird against the box and holds it in place with the knee. Pick the feathers from the body of the bird, then dampen the right hand and brush the body to remove the down. Leave about two inches of feathers on the neck, and also leave feathers on the wings at the first joint. Lay the wings against the body of the bird and tie a string around to hold in position. Place the birds, when picked, in cold water for an hour or so to plump them. If they are in too long, they are liable to bleed and become water soaked. Feather.

**She Knew.**  
Young Bride (breaking in at house-keeping)—What miserable little eggs again! I really must let the grocer to let the hens sit on them a little longer.—Tit-Bits

## GLEN ELLEN JOYNTINGS.

Seen and Heard in the Summer Resort.

A valuable horse, the property of A. Harrison, was run over and killed by the Donahue train last Sunday evening near Eldridge station.

We regret to hear of the illness of Mrs. A. E. Osborne and hope she may soon recover.

The dance at the Mervyn hall last Saturday evening was well attended and greatly enjoyed. A number were present from Sonoma, Santa Rosa and Bennett Valley.

The Native Sons held their regular meeting last Saturday evening. Frank M. Luttrell was elected a delegate to the meeting of the Grand Parlor at Sausalito commencing April 24.

The social given by the ladies of the Congregational church last Wednesday evening was a very successful affair both socially and financially.

As the 10:30 o'clock train drew up at the station last Monday morning a pleasant looking gentleman stepped out on the platform and inhaling the fresh air, exclaimed "Isn't this invigorating?" "No sir, it's Glen Ellen," said Mr. Murphy. The pleasant looking gentleman picked up his grip and retired in the direction of Bill Sobbe's.

Indications point to more rain. While it is not particularly needed in this section, it is more of a benefit than an injury.

A young man who regularly sings in the Congregational church choir had his hair cut by our generous barber recently and while singing a solo last Sunday entitled "Cover my defenceless head," blushed like a lobster.

Mrs. J. A. Poppe, of Sonoma, who owns a cottage at Kenwood is having the same repainted and repaired.

Judge Gibson showed us a mushroom found on his place last Sunday, the proportions of which are such that the diameter is 10 inches in diameter and its weight nearly 1 1/2 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Stannard are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Harvey for a few days. Mr. Stannard is the station agent at Napa Junction.

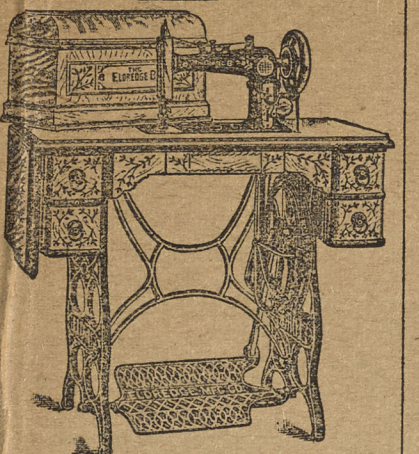
County Superintendent of schools Minnie Coulter visited our public school last Wednesday and was much pleased with the manner in which it is conducted.

Henry Bahman of C. A. Wright & Co. of Santa Rosa, was in town last Wednesday in the interest of the firm and for the sale of school supplies.

### Spain's Greatest Need.

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## LODGE NOTICES.

### F & H M

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### I O O F

SONOMA LODGE No. 28 meets at Odd Fellows' Hall every Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.

REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. 99 meets in Odd Fellows hall on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month.

### O E S

VALLEY OF THE MOON CHAPTER, No. 85, meets in the Masonic hall on the Thursday evening on or preceding the full moon of each month.

### P O U W

PUEBLO LODGE No. 168 meets every 1st and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at Odd Fellows hall.

### O C F

SONOMA VINEYARD COUNCIL, No. 168 meets the first and third Friday of each month in Odd Fellows' hall.

### N S C W

SONOMA PARLOR, No. 111 meets on the first Monday Evening of each month at Odd Fellows' hall.

### Y M I

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

### LATE HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

#### Viewings of the Valley Taken at Random:

Dr. Davis has been on the sick list the past few days.

Frank Weaver shipped two carloads of hay to the city last Tuesday.

Mr. Henshaw and Tom Morris were in from Graham canyon Wednesday.

A. Marcouchi purchased the Vollmar hotel at Embarcadero this week.

Miss May Estes came up from the bay city and spent Sunday with her mother.

Our town has been visited by a large number of commercial druggists this week.

Al Faurie came up from the city Sunday morning with the day with Marshal Robin's family.

Mrs. C. H. Johnson came up Monday evening to spend a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Cheney.

Misses Lulu and Hannah Dohrman came up Sunday morning from San Francisco and spent the day with their mother.

Supervisor T. C. Putnam was here Saturday attending to business connected with repairing the mountain road north of town.

Miss Kate Batto returned from San Francisco the first of the week where she has been spending a short visit with friends.

Mrs. D. M. Eshbach and niece Miss Plummer and Mrs. McIntire returned from a trip to San Jose Friday evening, where they have been spending a few weeks visiting friends.

Miss Starke, a former high school scholar of this district is visiting the family of J. V. Miner of Eldridge. Miss Starke's parents were the former owners of the Pioneer Grove.

Miss Minnie Coulter, county superintendent of schools, has designated Arbor day for the schools of this county as April 14 and is hopeful that this day may be fittingly observed.

Robert Poppe and Henry Bates have put out a number of Elm trees along the front of their property on Napa street. This is another permanent improvement which it would be well for others to follow.

Charlie Potter was exhibiting a machine in town today which he and two others have invented for making halter ropes from bale cords. While the machine is a very crude concern it makes a good, tight and smooth rope.

A. E. Sondag is painting a large picture entitled Cloister Kitchen, which he intends to exhibit at the Mechanics' fair. Mr. Sondag has painted a number of different pictures and always finds a ready sale for them at the fair.

F. M. Ames has secured a position with the Southern Pacific company and is now selling his goods preparatory to leaving for the city. Mr. Ames is a good quiet citizen and we hate to lose him but wish him success in his new move.

Wm. Fields was up from the Presidio paying his folk a three days visit last week as he expects to leave for Manila in about two weeks. He has enlisted in the regular army and is now a member of Company E which is at present at Manila, where he goes to join them.

Another fine dinner set is now on display at the Weems Cash Store which will be given as a prize with Beehive Baking Powder. A number is given with each can and when all cans are sold the sealed number on the record card will be opened and the party holding the corresponding number will receive the handsome set.

Ed Wegner, Sonoma's old reliable druggist has made arrangements to put in a stock of high-grade bicycles. He now has a number of wheels on the way from the east and expects them to arrive the first of next week. The wheels are highly recommended as being first-class and Mr. Wegner expects to sell them at a low figure.

Harry Chamberlain was in town Thursday.

Look for the red flag on Broadway next Wednesday.

The case of Goess vs. Wade has been continued indefinitely. John Smith of Vallejo, was among the Sunday visitors of our city this week.

Fred Bulotti went to San Francisco Sunday where he has secured a situation as painter.

If it is skirts, corsets, or boys' hats you wish, call and inspect the stock at Sonoma Shoe Store.

John McDonnell was over from Sebastopol and spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

The high school reopened again Monday after being closed about ten days on account of measles.

Mrs. M. J. Gaines returned home the first of the week after a short visit to her son W. E. Gaines of San Jose.

Henry Hahman was in town Tuesday representing the firm of C. A. Wright & Co., stationers of Santa Rosa.

Robert W. Burtis of San Francisco, was up Sunday attending to business connected with his property north west of town.

A Sonoma merchant has 10,000 rolls of butter, 2,000,000 sacks of potatoes and 8,000 Kingan hams yet to obtain for his customers. He says you know him.

T. Olivieri placed a new sign in front of his store this week which presents a very neat appearance and reads "A Bon Marche, T. Olivieri, General Merchandise."

Owing to the absence of J. H. Stickhoffer, the prosecuting witness in the case of the People of the State vs. Celestino Guidotti, it was dismissed in the Superior court this week.

H. Laux has painted his saloon and building throughout. He has also just received a large stock of John Butler's fine whiskey which is known as the best on the market.

W. R. Heath special agent for the Commercial Union Insurance Co., was in town Tuesday looking after the company's interests here. Jas. Albertson is the local agent for the company.

Prof. C. T. Wilkinson was up from Berkeley Sunday looking after his property interests in El Verano. The professor has charge of the deaf, dumb and blind school at Berkeley.

At a recent meeting of the A. O. U. W. lodge of this place J. G. Marcy was elected delegate to the Grand Lodge of the order which will convene in San Francisco next week, beginning on Tuesday.

George Spencer was up from the city Sunday. He came up especially to have the pleasure of riding behind Mr. Harris' tandem team which he has been so proudly exhibiting on our streets lately.

M. C. London expects to have his gallery located in the building next to McMackin's mill and intends having it in operation next week. The school pictures taken by him last week will be ready for delivery next Monday.

Rev. Jas. McKenzie, of Sebastopol occupied the pulpit at the M. E. church last Sunday morning and evening. He also conducted services at the Fly school house in the afternoon. The old gentleman is a very interesting speaker and the audience seemed well pleased with his discourse.

The east end of F. Grothaus' saloon and dwelling, will by the middle of next week, be something very beautiful to look upon as the entire end of the building is covered with two varieties of climbing roses which have begun blooming and judging from the number of buds there it will soon be one solid mass of beautiful blossoms.

Last Saturday night a number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Yenni gathered at their home on the Snyder place and gave a dance in honor of the newly wedded couple. There were about twenty-five couples present and dancing was participated in until almost daylight. Those who were present report having had a very enjoyable time.

## ANOTHER ASSAULT CASE.

The "Terrible Swede" Arrested by Constable Ohm After a Hot Chase.

Monday evening Constable Ohm arrested Adolph Lindblom on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon preferred against him by J. McGuffie. Lindblom is known as the "Terrible Swede" of Schocken's hill.

The officer, knowing the reputation of his man, went prepared with a pocket gun which he used several times without effect to induce his man to submit to arrest and after chasing him over the mountains for several hours he borrowed a rifle and fired several shots into the brush to frighten him. By making the bullets pass pretty close he succeeded in compelling the fugitive to give up. He came toward the officer and surrendered. Lindblom, in trying to escape, crawled through the brush for some distance and was several times checked in his progress by his head becoming entangled in the bushes.

It is alleged that Lindblom went hunting McGuffie with a double barrel shotgun Sunday evening and found his man in his cabin in bed. He thrust the muzzle of the gun against McGuffie's abdomen and snapped it. Fortunately the cap on the weapon was no good and it misfired.

Lindblom is known to be a desperate character and was under the influence of liquor when he made the assault.

Tuesday morning Constable Ohm took the offender to Santa Rosa to await the preliminary examination which is being held as we go to press.

### A Bad Accident.

Fredrick Joy had a narrow escape while making his regular trip with the stage to El Verano Sunday morning. When within a short distance of the bridge which is located at the corner where the road branches off to the depot, his team became unmanageable and started to run. He realized the liability of an accident at the bridge and tried to guide the unruly animals straight ahead and avoid the bridge. The horses being so greatly excited would not heed the directions of the driver and dashed along making the turn on the bridge throwing the stage off and wrecking it badly. Mr. Joy was thrown out and landed many feet from the bridge. He received several bruises and as he is an old man it may be some time before he will fully recover from his injuries.

### Clarence Cheney Surprised.

Monday evening a number of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cheney and tendered a surprise to Clarence on his coming home from business. On arriving home, not suspecting anything unusual he walked in and was greatly astonished to see the house filled with guests who treated him to a good number of spunks in honor of his twenty-first birthday.

After a few hours spent in social games refreshments were served and the surprising guests, after wishing their victim many happy returns of the day, took their departure expressing themselves as having had an excellent time.

A notable feature of this event was that four generations of the family were present; Mrs. McHarvey great-grandmother, Mrs. Cheney grandmother, Mrs. Reeve mother and the Reeve children.

### Public Auction.

A sale will take place on Wednesday April 5th at 1 o'clock p. m. at which the following articles will be sold:

Folding bed, book case and writing desk, parlor set, carpet, bedstead, clipper springs, marble top bureau, plain bureau, washstand, centre table, chairs, rocking chairs, wardrobe, two ranges, churn, matting, oil cloth, a large number of household goods, horse, buggy and harness, full set of garden implements, incubator, brooder and grain seeder.

The sale will take place at F. M. Ames' place south of town off Broadway. Look for the red flag.

## Bicycle Races.

The bicycle races which were to have taken place some time ago and were postponed on account of the weather, are to take place next Sunday, Easter, if the weather permits. The races are to be run on Broadway at 2 p. m. as follows:

1. One half mile match race between B. Jones of Sonoma and E. Kelso of Embarcadero.
2. One half mile match race between Theodore Kiser and Stephen Akers, both of Embarcadero.
3. One half mile scratch race; entrees, Akers, Jones, Kiser, Kelso and Goess. This last race is to be run in two heats and a final.

### Easter Services.

Services at the Congregational church Sunday April 2 at 11 a. m., subject "Rolling away the stone." Special Easter music has been written for the occasion which will be repeated in the evening. Subject for the evening, "Two modern phases of the Resurrection life." A cordial invitation is given to all to come. CHAS. D. MILLIKEN, Pastor.

### A Baseball Challenge.

The Cow Alley baseball club of Napa, do hereby challenge the Sonoma team to a game of ball to be played at Sonoma at a date satisfactory to both clubs and to be fixed later. For further particulars address all challenges to ED. CROFTON, 4 Brown St., Napa, Cal.

Fresh vegetables at Weems' Cash Store.

R. W. Bell was over from Santa Rosa Thursday tuning pianos.

Earl Burris of Santa Rosa was visiting with relatives here Thursday.

L. B. McGimsey is down from Mendocino county visiting his parents here.

Mr. Trudgen was busily engaged Tuesday breaking rocks on Broadway.

Wm. and John Jones have sold their home place of 348 acres to Mrs. R. J. Snyder.

Granville Harris has sold his fine pacing horse to Arthur Brown of Napa and delivered it there today.

Owing to the absence of two members of the board of city trustees no action was taken in regard to the water question last Monday night.

The social given at the Congregational church last Tuesday evening was a very pleasant affair although the attendance was not nearly so large as the occasion justified.

On account of the rainy weather the ladies of the M. E. church will postpone the Easter dinner and on Friday evening April 14 they will serve a dinner concerning which further notice will be given next week.

Weems is selling fresh butter at 25 cents per roll.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

**Catholic Church.**  
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Rev. Chas. D. Milliken, Pastor. Services: Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Chas. Potter, Sup't. V. P. P. S. C. E. Service at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor Society meeting, Friday at 3:15 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society meeting, and Thursday in each month. Missionary Society meets 2nd Tuesday in each month.

**Methodist Episcopal Church**  
Rev. E. E. Thompson, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Young People's Society of Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday.

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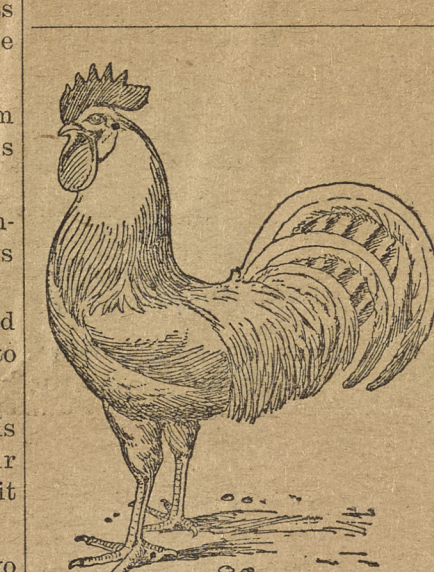
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Wk days	Sundays	Destination	Sundays	Wk days
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	S. F., S. Rafael	10.25 a. m.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	intermediates	7.25 p. m.	7.20 p. m.
10.30 a. m.	10.25 a. m.	Glen Ellen	8.10 a. m.	6.18 a. m.
7.20 p. m.	7.25 p. m.	intermediates	3.37 p. m.	2.45 p. m.
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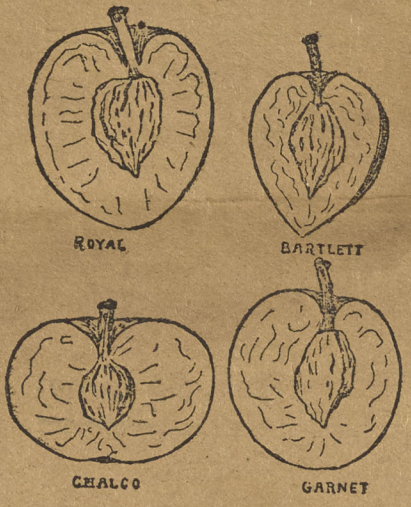
## NEW PLUMS.

Four Choice and Tested Varieties Originated by Luther Burbank.

Luther Burbank of California, who began his work by originating the Burbank potato while living in his native state of Massachusetts, has made a lasting mark in American horticulture as the originator of new fruits and flowers. Professor Van Deman has recently given an interesting sketch in The Rural New Yorker of Mr. Burbank and some of his remarkable achievements, from which the following in regard to late work with plums is reproduced:

Some of his choicest new plums, that have been under test sufficiently long to warrant being sent out, are shown in the cut. All of them are new, and three of them have never before been publicly mentioned so far as I know.

Royal is the result of a cross made by using pollen of Simon upon one of



A GROUP OF PLUMS.

the Botany. It is about the largest plum I have ever seen, except Kelsey. The shape is oval and quite regular. In color it is a deep, reddish purple, very rich looking and attractive. The flesh is yellow and firm until fully ripe, when it becomes melting and juicy. It is almost a freestone. The flavor is a pleasant subacid, with a peculiar aroma that is deliciously refreshing. The quality is much better than that of any early plum I know and is good compared with any kind. It ripens before Willard or Red June.

Bartlett, another variety, is a cross of Simon upon Delaware. Its size is medium to large and the shape peculiar, being decidedly heart shaped, with a distinct suture on one side. The color is a dull purplish red. The flesh is yellowish and soft when fully ripe. The stone is large and long. Its flavor is very peculiar, being like that of the Bartlett pear, hence the name. The quality is very good to best, which, with its earliness (it ripens July 25 at Santa Rosa), productiveness and vigor of tree, ought to place it well up in the scale.

Chasico is a seedling of Burbank pollenized by Simon and resembles the Simon in shape, which is flat, but is larger and very much better in quality. I would call it very good, and quite free from the peculiar bitterish flavor of the Simon plum. The main objection that will be raised to it is the resemblance to the shape of that variety, which has become unpopular in market because of its flavor. The color is rich yellowish red. The texture of the flesh is about all one could desire. The stone is small in proportion to the flesh.

Garnet is my choice of all the new plums which I have tested. It is a cross between Wickson and Satsuma. It is large, being over two inches in diameter and nearly round in shape. The surface is smooth, dark wine-red or garnet—being very handsome. The flesh is garnet color, too, and rich looking. This color suggested to me the name Garnet, which Mr. Burbank has accepted. In flavor it is excellent, being tart enough, yet not sour, but a delicious subacid. No plum that I have eaten is better, and when cooked it could scarcely be equaled. It has all the high flavor of Satsuma when cooked, which has heretofore been far above all other plums when in that condition. The season of Garnet is at least a month earlier, as it is fully ripe by Aug. 1. The tree is very fruitful. I look for this plum to take a high place in public favor.

## Packing the Earth Hard.

A correspondent of Green's Fruit Grower says: "I have planted perhaps 1,000,000 trees in my lifetime. I have met with but few failures and cannot remember having watered any of these trees. If the soil is made thoroughly fine before planting, if the soil about the roots is pressed in very firm, as firm as a foncepot; if the soil is left loose on the top and kept continuously loose by cultivation, the trees will live even though the season may be dry."

## Horticultural Notes.

Mr. J. H. Hale says that the cooling moth has done greater injury to the fruit crops of Massachusetts than the San Jose scale ever would, and the bugs, fungus, etc., show that nature has no use for a lazy man.

It is estimated that there are 45,000 acres on the Pacific coast devoted to olive orchards.

S. D. Willard is reported in Orange Judd Farmer as calling the apricot a misunderstood fruit. The varieties, such as Moorpark, give but little fruit, but the new Japanese kinds are productive and quite satisfactory in New York, and he thinks would do well in New England and other parts of the country.

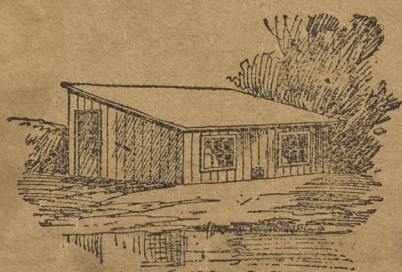
Secretary Wilson has been elected president, Dr. D. E. Fernow vice president, and F. H. Newell secretary of the American Forestry association for the ensuing year.

## DUCKHOUSES.

Plain and Comfortable, With No Furnishings Whatever.

Houses for ducks are simple affairs, says The Feather. They are built plain and comfortable and have no furnishings whatever. A duck is differently constituted from a hen and must be cared for under different conditions. The hen needs warmer houses and drier surroundings than does the duck. A duck does not mind the cold if she can keep her feet warm. Cold feet will affect a duck as a frozen comb does a hen, retarding laying and inducing ailments. The feathers of a duck are almost impenetrable and will withstand almost any degree of cold. Again, a duck cannot stand the amount of confinement in a house that a hen can. She is more restless in disposition and is given to exercise in a greater degree than is a hen. Indigestion is not so prevalent with ducks as with chickens. The duck's ceaseless motion aids the digestive organs and keeps her generally in good health.

In the accompanying illustration is shown a simple house that may be built



SIMPLE DUCKHOUSE.

at small expense. It is plain and has a shed roof. Such a house should be built of rough boards, 12 inches by 1 inch, and joints covered by 3-inch by 1-inch strips. The roof should be made water tight and covered with tarred paper, shingles or tin. The outside should be well drained around the bottom, that it may not be damp. Some advocate board floors, raised from six to eight inches from the ground and covered from four to six inches with dry earth, straw or leaves. The writer favors the using of board floors in all houses for chickens, but thinks it not essential for ducks. If the house is well drained on the outside and the earth floor is covered with hay, straw or leaves, it will be perfectly satisfactory. There must not be dampness in the house, as the birds will not do so well. While they are given to water on the outside they must have comfortable quarters in which to "warm up," or "dry out."

## Science of Feeding.

With proper care and feed, says Farm and Home, one can increase the number of eggs to a great extent. Hens cannot lay or produce eggs unless their food contains the elements of which the egg is composed—that is, a large share of albuminous or egg producing elements. In addition to the quantity of albumen required in the organism of the fowl, the laying hen requires an extra amount for the white of an egg, it being about 12 per cent albumen, and this must be furnished in her feed. Chemical analyses of different grains show wheat to contain a larger amount of albumen than any other grain. Therefore it is the grain to make the base for egg producing food. Another important item—when the fowls do not have a large field to range in—is to give them once a day, if possible, a feed of chopped clover hay. They need this, not alone for the bulk, but it is rich in nitrogen, which enters largely into the formation of the egg. They also need meat at least three times a week. We like the cut raw bone and meat together best. Some green food is also needed every day. Chickens are like the human family in that they like a change of food. If fowls that have been fed on one kind of grain for some time do not have the appetite they should have, give them a little cooked food, such as cake made from coarse cornmeal and meat scraps together or some other new grain. They will eat it ravenously. While wheat is one of the best feeds for producing eggs, it is one of little value for fattening purposes compared with corn, as corn contains a great deal of carbonaceous or fatty matter, which puts on flesh in a very short time. Pure water is also essential to laying fowls. There is nearly as much water in a pound of eggs as in a pint of milk.

## Hens Too Fat to Lay.

At this time of year farmers who allow hens to run with the fattening hogs will find that they will steal so much corn that they will eat their heads off. The worst of it is that such feeding makes the hens too fat to produce any eggs all the winter. If the hens are kept and their wings clipped so that they can be confined in a yard, the matter of feeding can be entirely regulated by the poultry owner. Feed more whole wheat than any other grain, giving for variety a loose cabbage that has not come to head and is good for nothing else. Finely chopped clover is also excellent after the grain is fed. Too much clover is injurious.—Boston Cultivator.

## Importance of Observation.

The importance of close and constant observation in the poultry yard is not as fully appreciated as it should be. The many lurking dangers that such a method will nip in the bud should be fully understood. The discoveries of a new order such a course develops occasionally upset theories well established and will often prove the error of trusting entirely to appearance and being too sure that certain conditions are all ways to be relied upon.—Baltimore Sun.

## Goose Evolution.

Many geese are kept which are of no particular breed, having descended from the importations made by the early settlers. They have probably been more or less crossed with the improved breeds during the last 50 years, but present no fixed colors aside from white, gray or pied-colored.

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## Geographical and Geological.

Sonoma Valley extends from within a few miles of Santa Rosa on the north to San Pablo Bay on the south, a distance of thirty miles. It is nowhere more than eight miles wide, the average width being five miles. It embraces portions of Petaluma and Huichica Ranchos, and the Agua Caliente and the Los Guilicos Ranchos, the Pueblo, Sonoma. The Valley is separated from Petaluma valley on the west and Napa valley on the east by low ranges of volcanic mountains.

## Industries.

The principal industries of the valley are fruit growing, wine making and dairy farming. Here also may be found the most extensive basalt quarries on the Pacific Coast. The wine of Sonoma is famous all over the United States. It commands the highest price, and is more eagerly sought than any other wine produced in California. All Fruits and Grapes are grown

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## Climate and Scenery.

The climate of Sonoma valley is unsurpassed. The fogs which prevail in other portions of the State are here conspicuous for their absence, being shut out by the range of mountains on the west. The intense heat of Summer prevailing on the great plains of California, is here tempered by the gentle breezes from the Pacific. The proximity of the ocean also tends to equalize the temperature in Winter, rendering the climate of Sonoma Valley mild, gentle and agreeable. Along the banks of Sonoma Creek may be found some of the prettiest scenery in the state of California. Extensive picnic grounds may be laid out in numberless places along this stream. Sonoma mountain and Bennett peak on the west side of the valley are conspicuous objects to the traveler. Good roads radiating from Sonoma and Glen Ellen to all points of the compass, afford excellent drives and promenades.

Good schools under the management of able and experienced teachers are to be found in Sonoma Valley, affording the best of instruction to the youth of the country.

## Historical.

SONOMA is an Indian word and means "Valley of the Moon," and was the name originally given to the beautiful valley from which the County was afterwards named. The tribe of Indians inhabiting the valley were called Cochuyens. On the arrival of the first expedition to establish a mission, the name Sonoma was given to the Chief by Jose Altamira, the priest in charge, and after the Chief, the tribe and the valley they inhabited took the name Sonoma.

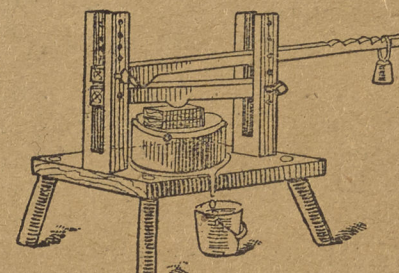
To those wishing further information concerning our Town, Valley or Industries may have the same by addressing the SONOMA VALLEY EXPOSITOR.



## DAIRY FARMING.

How to Get Money Out of Cows in Winter.

Professor Robertson truthfully says that to make his business profitable, the dairyman must carry it on during the whole year. Milk and its products have been, as a rule, dearer in winter than in summer. A large amount of capital is invested in cows, barns and cheese factory and creamery buildings. It is wasteful policy to permit so much capital to be unproductive during five or six months of the year. In the past it has been not only unproductive, but a



HOMEMADE CHEESE PRESS.

source of expense. Considerable labor on farms, during the winter, is absorbed into the unproductive care of the farm buildings, unless animals are kept yielding a product or increasing in value. Cows must be fed during the winter. If a direct revenue can be obtained, the work can be done with more enjoyment, more of it will be undertaken and more profitable methods will be applied. Other branches of farm management, such as the raising of young stock, the fattening of swine, and keeping of laying hens, will grow out of it. There are few more discouraging and joyless occupations than attending on cows all winter without any revenue from the work.

There are hundreds of men who are employed as cheesemakers during the summer months and who unwillingly are comparatively idle during the winter months. If the capacity and ability which they possess can be applied to making butter and cheese during the winter, so much will be gained.

When dairymen obtain a satisfactory revenue from cheese factories during the summer and get hardly any income during the winter, they can make only very slow progress in bettering their circumstances. The patrons who send milk to the cheese factories feel, says the writer, that the dairyman should be able to send relatively the largest quantity in winter. As a result of the immediate revenue from butter making in winter cows get better care and better feeding. As a consequence they give more milk the following summer. After winter dairying was begun at the first government dairy station, the president of the Mount Elgin Dairy company, who had 80 cows and had milked them during the winter, stated that during the month of May of the following year he obtained 25 per cent more milk from his herd of cows than he had ever obtained in that month in any previous year. Doubtless that was mainly owing to the fact that the cows were kept in a fairly warm stable during the winter months and fed on succulent feed to induce a large flow of milk. Unless cows on the average are made to milk during ten months in the year they are likely to become unprofitable as milkers. It will not do to let the cows become a leisurely class, on holidays for five or six months of the year. The byproducts of dairying in the form of skim milk and buttermilk are more valuable for the raising of stock, the feeding of swine and the growing of chickens during the winter and very early spring months than they are during the summer. The dairymen have not been and cannot be fully prosperous until they have a revenue coming in regularly during the whole year.

## Milk Transportation.

It might be supposed that as milk in refrigerator cars is exposed to nearly freezing temperature it might be put in cans as it is strained and at once put on the cars. But this would prove a great mistake. Milk needs to be cooled off in contact with as much pure air as can be got to it. In this way it is aerated. When thus once cooled, it can be put into cans and tightly covered so as to exclude other air. But if the cooling is done in the cans, many of the most offensive animal odors will be retained in milk, and even after it is cooled these will make it unpalatable and unfit for use. We knew a milkman once who thought he would have a better quality of milk than could be brought to market by any one else. His plan was to put the milk as soon after it was strained as he could in glass bottles holding either a pint or quart and deliver these to his customers without unsealing. But he very soon learned that if he did not have the milk first cooled before putting it in his glass bottles the effect was to distribute the worst rather than the best milk sold in the city. The fact that so much cream rises during its passage to market makes it very difficult for milkmen to be sure whether their product, however honestly delivered, will prove up to the standard. Cream always rises. After a considerable part has come to the top of the can that toward the bottom is pretty sure to be below the legal standard. Milkmen try to equalize the top and the bottom of the can by dipping down their measure and bringing it up full from below the surface. But they do not always succeed even thus. In most cases where milkmen are found selling milk below the standard weight we believe they are not to blame. They put milk above the standard into the can. If in the first half of the distribution they give milk considerably above the standard, are they to blame if what remains at the bottom of the can is as much below it?—Boston Cultivator.

## DAIRY TALK.

Some Old Methods Compared With Modern Practices.

I was taught in my younger days, writes Waldo F. Brown in "Lard and a Living," that the shallow milk could be set the better the cream would be, and my mother always used shallow pans with flaring sides, so as to expose as large a surface as possible to the air, and she thought that three inches was as deep as milk ought to be set. I had also read that milk must be left open, exposed to the air until perfectly cool, so as to get rid of the "animal odor," and if shut up from the air while warm it would become putrid. For many years I accepted these statements without question, but many years ago I began to read and hear about "deep setting" of milk, and on my trip to the centennial in 1876 I fell in company with some dairymen who were practicing it and became so convinced of its superiority that I determined to adopt it and have ever since followed the plan of deep setting and would not on any account go back to the old method.

When I began deep setting, I had a contract to furnish 50 pounds of butter a week to a Cincinnati hotel, and I used tin cans 26 inches deep and 8 inches in diameter, holding about four gallons each. Since we have given up the dairy business and only keep cows for family use we do not want so much milk in one vessel, and have out our cans in two, making them 10 inches deep. These cans are always washed with some disinfectant, and they present so much surface to the water that the temperature of the milk can be rapidly reduced to the desired point, and they can be used either with ice or in water, and if one has an abundant supply of cold spring or well water no ice will be needed. The lid is made an inch larger in diameter than the can and deep enough so that when dropped over the can it will extend down half the length of the can. We make them of this size because we always wish to have the water deep enough to seal the can so as to keep out all insects and also to make it airtight so that no impurities in the air can affect the milk, and as sometimes your cans will not be full of milk they will float, if the water is higher in them than the milk, and if the lid only extends down one-third of the length of the can, you could not seal a can that was only half full of milk. For convenience in handling these cans each one should be provided with a bail, and there should also be a handle at one side, put on where it will be right to take hold of to tilt the can to empty it. These cans are easy to handle and easier to wash than the earthen crocks so generally used for setting milk, and as this plan saves carrying the milk down and up the cellar stairs it is much easier than the old plan of shallow setting of milk. For many years we have kept our milk for about eight months of the year in a tank within a foot of the pump spout, if the well and so arranged that all the waste water of the well runs through the trough, and no inclosed dairy house is needed, as it is impossible for dog, cat, fly or goat to disturb a can of water sealed milk. The water should be changed twice a day, or in excessively hot weather three times, and in proper weather the water should be changed every two or three days, as it will become foul if left too long in the tank.

## Winter Food For Milk Cows.

Good ensilage, of course, is the best, but if the silo has been neglected the animals must be fed on something else that will give nearly the same results. Where clover hay can be obtained at \$9 or less per ton it should form an important part of the daily ration. This would form the bulk of the coarse food and furnish the animals with protein and carbohydrates. Clover hay properly cured contains plenty of nourishment, but much of it is lacking in the right essentials through ignorant handling. In securing the hay consequently not a little emphasis should be placed upon its quality. If too chippy and brittle, it is a pretty good sign that it is rather inferior in nourishing qualities. Good oats in the sheaf make excellent milk cow feed for winter. Good sheaf oats can be purchased from \$10 per ton upward, and at this price they make an excellent investment. The average sheaf oats would turn out from 30 to 40 per cent grain and 60 to 70 per cent straw. Upon this basis the grain and straw would supply rather more carbohydrates than protein. Likewise good corn stover would show this same lack of proportion between the two food elements. Now, a pound of protein is worth in value about two pounds of the carbohydrates. But it will not make much difference to the cows and, consequently, it is better to feed more carbohydrates proportionately than protein. The latter can be given in greater quantities in such foods as cornmeal, malt sprouts, cottonseed meal and other grains. The relative high price of these foods should not exclude them entirely from the cow's bill of fare. During the cold weather the animals need food rich in protein, and it is only by not stinting them in the grains that the best results are obtained. In the end, if other things are equal and the cows receive excellent all round care, rich feeding will pay.—C. S. Walters in Boston Cultivator.

## Private Market For Butter.

A farmer who has all the facilities and who knows how to make the best butter ought always to sell it to private customers, who will also take his fresh eggs and other farm products at prices somewhat higher than he can get in the open market. But if he does this he must obligate himself to supply what is needed throughout the year and that it shall never be below the standard. It is this last condition that prevents farmers from making such bargains. To make the best butter in winter requires care in feeding and also in handling milk and cream, which too many are unwilling to undertake.—Boston Cultivator.

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